

Franklin County Council

September 27, 2016 7:00 pm

Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Council: Becky Oglesby, Daryl Kramer, Aaron Leffingwell, Keith Hall, Jeff Koch, Joe Sizemore and Dean McQueen

Auditor First Deputy: Shannon Meyer

Open: Meeting was called to order by President Becky Oglesby and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Dean McQueen pointed out a correction on the August 23, 2016 minutes under the Resolution 2016-27 paragraph. Dean wants it noted that the reason he voted Nay was because he wanted the fire departments to receive more than \$2,500 for the volunteer firefighters. Joe Sizemore noted that on the August 29th he opposed to the motion in regards to the salary raises because he wanted employees that were getting a 0.7% to get a 3% raise. He did not oppose the raise for the Surveyor.

Motion by Daryl Kramer: To accept the minutes including the noted corrections. 2nd by Joe Sizemore **Motion carried**

Sharon Halcomb- PTABOA- How long was Beth Edward and Mariann Bridges, Auditor of Rush County appointed into their positions for Board. There is no record of how long their appointment was going to be for. Sharon request an paper for the appointment dates for Republican Beth Edward and Democrat Mariann Bridges, Rush County Auditor. Both Sharon Halcomb and Mariann Bridges are both a level 3 so they trade work so that they both do not have to pay someone for the board position.

Motion by Daryl Kramer: Democrat Beth Edward and Republican Mariann Bridges appointed time will be from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017. 2nd by Jeff Koch **Motion Carried.**

Area Plan requested to be able to hire a part-time person in her department to replace a person that had left. The position is 1-2 days a week and cover vacations. This position has been vacant since September 12, 2016.

Motion by Daryl Kramer: To allow Area Plan to hire a part-time person. 2nd by Joe Sizemore. **Motion Carried.**

Additional Appropriations: Becky stated that the \$1,5 million needs to be voided because the account numbers need to be changed. The appropriations have a 6000 series account number on them and it should be a 9000 series number due to a change from the SBOA. Daryl Kramer questioned what fund number the money is to go into. Shannon Meyer, informed council that the 9000 series accounts are set up but the Funds are not. There will need to be an ordinance for those funds. Aaron Leffingwell, questioned why Jeff Koch or himself did not receive the email from the SBOA changes, since they are on the committee. Aaron Leffingwell wanted to know why no one told him or Jeff Koch about the INDOT meeting so they could attend as the CCMG Committee.

Eric Roberts from the audience spoke up and said that at the INDOT meeting they did not say how they wanted the money handled however, they did talk about how all invoices, all checks (front and back), will have to be copied to send them in to show we are using the money on the correct projects. Jeff Koch questioned if the process of turning in the paperwork since we are now receiving the money all at one time. Eric Roberts stated that we will still have to keep all records of each project to turn into INDOT or SBOA.

Eric continue to say that because of the roads being under one DES # that INDOT won't care if money is used from one project to another. However, Becky was at the same meeting as Eric and did not feel that was correct. There were others that did not feel that was correct either. Keith Hall questioned who is auditing the paperwork INDOT or SBOA?

Becky commented on the fact that the paperwork has to be correct so we need to make sure we now what is going on. Eric has already started projects and finished them and Becky questions the fact the INDOT stated we could not start projects until we received the money. Eric stated that he heard that the projects could be done prior to receiving the money.

Becky was not comfortable with Appropriating money that we have not received yet. There was further discussion on the fund that should be used for the CCMG money and the counties portion. Should the Cum Bridge money go into a restricted rainy day fund or another fund? Will the auditor's office be paying out of just one fund or three different funds, Rainy day, 1229 and 4912? Aaron commented on how it was discussed to move all the money to one fund. Daryl explained how money can be used out of the Cum Bridge fund and the Rainy Day fund. Keith Hall wants to have the details documented so that all departments are all clear on what is going on. Eric wants to keep the money in the different funds and just use one fund at a time. Grant Reeves stated that he feels an email needs to be formatted and sent stating that this is how we understand this, is this correct. Aaron explained that the Fund 4912 is supposed to be dissolved and the money moved to 1229 because the 4912 fund was a Home Rule fund.

Motion by Aaron Leffingwell: To table the Additional Appropriations for the \$1,599,990 for Highway. 2nd Joe Sizemore
Motion Carried

Motion by Aaron Leffingwell: For the highway CCMG committee to go over all the details about the grant and report them at the October 11, 2016 council meeting. 2nd Joe Sizemore **Motion Carried**

Daryl Kramer stated the Cum bridge money was done last month. Becky agreed this \$5,000 additional was done last month.

Motion by Daryl Kramer: Void the \$5000 for Cum Bridge. This was done last month. 2nd Joe Sizemore **Motion Carried**

Keith Hall asked if the \$50,400 is related to the Grant money and does he want to transfer it before we receive the Grant money. Tom explained that the Grant money does not cover equipment rental. The Grant is for material not force labor.

Motion by Daryl Kramer: To accept all other Additional Appropriations except for the two previously mentioned. 2nd Dean McQueen. **Motion Carried**

Transfers: Keith Hall asked Tom Linkel if the \$15,000 is just the first of more transfers to come because of the current damage from the recent flooding. There are currently two bridges closed right now because of the damage. River rd and Richland Creek rd. Eric went on to talk about different structures that will need work done in the future. There were going to be more transfer request because of all the current damage done to the roads from the flooding we had. Tom replied that there would be more transfers. Keith Hall asked that the Highway come up with a strategic plan of actions as to where the money is coming from for the future transfers.

Motion by Aaron Leffingwell: Move to deny the transfer from Rainy Day fund to the County Council Contingency and accept all other transfers. 2nd by Joe Sizemore **Motion Carried**

Commissioner Tom Wilson asked if he can hire a person for the highway because someone quit and they need the position replaced. Aaron Leffingwell asked if the person that left had any time the county was still paying on. The answer was no.

Motion by Daryl Kramer: To allow commissioners to hire a new truck driver to replace the one that quit. 2nd Aaron Leffingwell. **Motion Carried**

Ordinance 2016-28 was read by Becky Oglesby. This Ordinance is for the Rainy Day restricted fund for the CCMG money.

Amendment on the Ordinance 2016-28 by Aaron Leffingwell: In #1 make the word "fund" to "funds" followed by the fund numbers 1301, 1303, 1304. 2nd Jeff Koch. Motion carried

Motion by Daryl Kramer: To accept the General Ordinance 2016-28. 2nd Joe Sizemore **Motion carried**

SEIRPC award- Becky announced that she received an email that the award was granted to Franklin County. More details are to come about the grant.

Franklin County EMS has invited the County Council to come to an informal meeting at 6pm on October 25, 2016 at 608 East 7th St, Brookville. Mr. Dave Stutzman has extended this invitation so that the council can be better informed on what the EMS is doing and its future needs. This is an open meeting for the EMS and council are invited as audience.

Metamora Water District- Bryan Riehle has submitted a resume for the Water District Board. He does live in the district. He has a strong understand of the work he will be doing. Becky will be checking on the length of time for the term he will serve. Becky will also be sending him a letter.

Motion by Joe Sizemore: Put Bryan Riehle on Metamora Water District Board. 2nd Dean McQueen **Motion Carried**

Overtime Rule/ Recordkeeping- Becky Oglesby read over the letter from the Auditor's office in grades to payroll. All department heads are to have the raise amounts to the Auditor's office NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1, 2016. All the amounts have to be entered into the payroll system and due to the IRS moving the ACA deadline back to January it cuts our time short to get this done. FLSA is requiring that all employees must have a record of all wages and hours worked this includes clocking in and out for lunch. All overtime pay must include Longevity when calculating the employee's OT rate. Anyone that makes less than \$ 913 a week (or \$47,476 for a full-year worker) is eligible for overtime.

Because of this, the statement where overtime pay must include Longevity pay should be added to the Salary Ordinance since this is not optional but a mandatory law. Council should also change all "Non Exempt" and "Exempt" on the Salary Ordinance to reflect the correct FLSA status.

Eric Roberts discussed the new leaks in the roof from the buzzards and that the roof will need to be replaced. When they replace the roof it will have white plastic not black. The buzzards do not tear up the white plastic like they do the black. The Insurance money has come in from the damage that was done to the building from the buzzards, and that was a check for \$51,000. At the Commissioner's meeting they agreed to accept bids on October 11, 2016 for the annex part of the building. They have received a budget estimate of \$75,000. They will have to come back for an additional for \$24,000.

Motion by Aaron Leffingwell: That for the new budget process of 2017. All departments continue on a hiring freeze, and all the new positions including the Public Safety departments are to present council for only the new positions. 2nd Daryl Kramer. **Motion carried**

Non –Binding and Binding review

Council reviewed Cedar Grove's budget for 2017. Because Cedar Grove is made up of all volunteer it cannot approve its own budget. Council had to vote on it and accept all of it or none of it. If they did not accept it then the budget would be as it was last year.

Motion by Daryl Kramer: Grant Cedar Grove their budget as proposed. 2nd by Jeff Koch. **Motion carried.**

Attached to the non-binding agreement are the property tax caps.

Motion by Daryl Kramer: Accept the non-binding reviews as calculated by the DGLF. 2nd by Joe Sizemore. **Motion carried**

Recess the regular meeting and going on to the Budget Hearing

Becky read off the Departments and their budgeted amounts that have been published. The total budget for the whole county is \$14,475,175.

Keith Hall stated that Departments are continuing to raise their budgets by 6% but our revenue increase is 2-3%. That all departments have to start living within their means and that we have no more reserves. Keith went on with an analogy comparing the county budget to a household income for comparison. Becky commented on the fact we are lucky that oil prices are low. Aaron stated that we also use the insurance reserve to allow us to get raises.

Aaron Leffingwell stated that Cagit has to be moved back to General in 2017.

Audience asked if County Council will create another tax to pay for this stuff. Becky stated that she does not want another tax of any kind. She didn't even want the public safety tax.

Aaron Leffingwell is going to meet with the health department to see how much the grant is for Sanitarium #2 is. This is a position that is paid by grant funds and his raise cannot pay him more than what the grant allows. He will report back to council with what he finds out. This is not a reimbursable grant. This is a grant that is one set amount no matter what your expenses are.

The Judges raises are still up in the air at this time. Aaron Leffingwell thought the Judge would be present at the meeting to discuss the raises in his Department and asked if anyone knew what the Judge was wanting.

Grant Reeves spoke about the Judges raises and said that he feels that he understands wants enough to speak about it. He stated that the Judge was not happy that some got a very small raise and other are to receive a lot more. Grant said he feels that the Judge wants more of an even % across the board for his staff. Becky suggested that Aaron Leffingwell speak to the Judge then contact Grant and Becky as a committee.

The Salary Ordinance for the K-P deputy needs adjusted. That since that deputy changed positions and is just a deputy now that ordinance needs to be changed now. The ordinance should remove the K-9 Deputy and make it just a Deputy.

Aaron Leffingwell, Grant Reeves and Becky Oglesby will be making up a Salary Ordinance committee for the future changes.

On October 11, 2016 the committee for the Salary Ordinance as well as the Highway CCMG will discuss their findings.

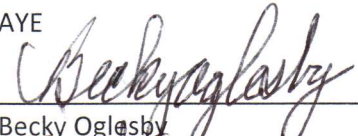
Motion by Daryl Kramer: To move the Budget forward in the Gateway process to the October 11th adoption. 2nd Jeff Koch **motion carried**


Motion by Daryl Kramer: To adjourn the public hearing about the budget. 2nd by Joe Sizemore **motion carried**


Motion by Daryl Kramer: To adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Joe Sizemore **motion carried**

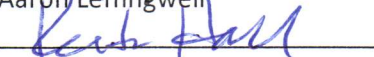
Others attending: Mark & Mildred Simmermeyer, Bob and Betty Lecher, Sara Duffy, Sharon Halcomb, Tom Vohland, Tom Wilson, Eric Roberts, Mary Meyer, Richard Cartwright, Wayne Monroe. The names are spelled correctly per the sign in sheet.

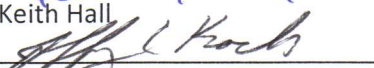
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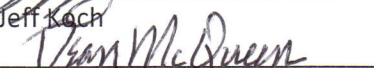

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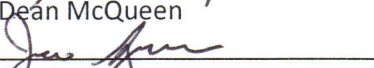

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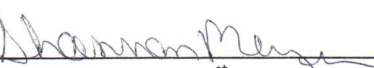
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Shannon Meyer, 1st Deputy
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